

May 1891

Friday May 1st

I started a drift in the Lost Cabin hole today

Saturday May 2nd

3:00 in court Simpson's Flat 1

Mr. West was intending to go to Hot Springs today but we had a snow storm last night & he did not go. We put up a water-right on the creek near the Lost Cabin prospects today & when I got home I found Henry Hume, William Hartman & Mary here. At 6:00 P.M. Hume, William Hartman & I started in the canoe & returned to the entrance at 2:00. We went to Fallen Flats on the S.P.R. (S.H.B.)

Sunday May 3rd 1891

I rode over to J.C. West, with H. Hume this morning, to bring Mary home as she staid at West's last night. Hartman took a lot of specimens up to Moss this morning, I met Mr. J. D. Davis at West's this morning.

Monday May 4th 1891

We have had some snow for the last three days, but today the sun never shone for there was a thick fog all day & tonight.

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Tuesday May 5th

I & J. C. West staked the Saint Mary, Helena & Lisbon ledges today. We found a good spring on the Helena ledge & also found a ledge of galena bearing quartz. Elmer was hunting another entrance to the cave today but did not find it.

Wednesday May 6th 1891

I started over to J. C. West's this morning but did not get there because I met Mr. West & rode back with him. Father was waiting for us on the hill East of the coves. I rode with Father & Mr. West to Cold Brook canon & there left them to look for the cave that Levi Crum told about. I hunted all the forenoon without success & then went home to dinner. After dinner I went in search of the cave again but this time with the horse. I found several ledges in the limestone but none of them was the one that I was looking for. When near Mill Jones' spring, on my way home I killed a Prairie Racer Rattle.

Thursday May 7th 1891

I guess somebody got benefit from the cow before I got up this morning because I didn't get much milk, &c. I have been helping J. C. West fence the north end of his farm today. Mary came home with me this evening.

Friday May 8th 1891

I & J. C. West fenced most of the north end of this field and would have fenced it all but ran out of wire, we dug post holes on the west side this eve — wing @ Elmer is over to Grinn's chopping wood for their coal pit (charcoal)

Saturday May 9th

Mr. West & I finished the North end fence this forenoon. We changed our minds about the place to put the fence on the west side, & got it about three quarters done this afternoon.

Sunday May 10 1891

at about 9:00 o'clock this morning Mr. Gillespie & 3 others (2 ladies 1 gentleman) came & went in the cave. After dinner I took a walk around the country going to Charlie Roe's & Mr. West's before coming back. Mr. Layton & fair Hill City gentleman were in the cave when I got home, John Stevens brought over the horse this evening.

Monday May 11th 1891

I & Mr. West has been building fence the most of the day. J. W. Layton & Father came over & examined the metal or mineral that we have staked

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Tuesday May 12th 1891

Mr West went to Hot Springs this morning & Mr Dayton went to Mo's City this afternoon Captain Willard, I have been working on the Lost Cabin drift the most of the day we have two visitors this evening (photographer) Father ~~has gone in the cave with them~~

Wednesday May 13th 1891

Mr West & I finished building fence for a while at least. We built wire fence on the Magpie Creek running North & South. Father took the two visitors that were here last night in the cave again today. One of them discovered a Harris Palace in Crystal Palace between the 2nd & 3rd division. They took a photograph of some specimens of ours this afternoon.

Thursday May 14th 1891

I have been to work on the Lost Cabin creek today & Mr West has been ploughing his gardens. Mr A. Alden & girl was up from Hot Springs this afternoon (5:30 trip)

Friday May 15th 1891

4:25 in cave (Samson Palace Route 1)

I got to work in the Lost Cabin drift at about 4:30 this morning but found nothing worthy of note. I struck the face of mineral at about 4:30 this afternoon and found it well charged with shiny truck. I have about 1200 lbs. of ore sorted. When I came home I met J Francis Harris & took him to Castle Garden (I guess) in the evening (4:45-5:15)

Saturday May 16th 1891

3:30 in cave

(S.P.R.) (C.H.P.) 1 trip

I took three Hot Springs visitors through the cave this afternoon. We went in the cave at 3:30 P.M. & came out at 7:00 P.M. Father went to Hot Springs & returned today. Elmer is at home from Burns tonight.

Sunday May 17th 1891

There has been no one here today on account of the opening of the Plunge Bath at Hot Springs. I have been over to Brown's & General Willard's today. J.C. West was over this morning.

Monday May 18th 1891

8:50 in cave

Crystal Route 2 trips

5:00 in cave

Cataract Route 1 trip

I intended to work on the Lost Cabin ledge today but changed my mind & started in the cave at 8:00 a.m. I went to the New Crystal pocket between the 2nd & 3rd Division of Crystal Palace. I returned at 1:00 a.m. with the Hanging Gardens for Mrs. West. At 10:30 a.m. Father, Mary & I started to the new crystal pocket & returned with loads at 1:00 p.m.

At 2:00 p.m. Father & I started on an exploring trip in the west wing of the Cataract Route. We went past the Chamber of Frost & in the distance discovered that Joe Durhied & I made on the 19th of March 1891. When we came out I got a small piece of the frosting in the Chamber of Frost & brought it out for Mrs. West.

Tuesday May 19th 1891

Father went to town with Mr West this morning. Mr J. S. Davis went east today but will probably be back sometime sooner or later. I took the Hanging Gardens to Mrs West this forenoon. I worked on the Lost Cabin hole today & the mineral seems to get better as I go in. We had about $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours of rain this afternoon. Mr West was surprised when he saw the hanging gardens this evening.

Wednesday May 20th 1891

I took about $1\frac{1}{2}$ tons of mineral from the Lost Cabin hole today making 6 or 7 tons in all of the lower dump. I expected A. M. Willard over today but he did not come as he was busy at something.

Thursday May 21st 1891

I got up early this morning but did not get breakfast until later. I went over to Martin's Valley with Mr West this forenoon to look at the country. I saw Montgomery breaking granite while there (in the Valley). I took a specimen from the Chamber of Frost over to Mrs West this afternoon. Mary went over with me, I drilled the first hole ever drilled in the Lost Cabin hole today (single hander). Elmer is over to Grinnell today & will not be back until tomorrow night.

Friday May 22nd 18

I have fired three shots in the Last Cabin drift today that loosened about $3\frac{1}{2}$ or 4 tons of ore. I do not know what the mineral is yet but will probably find out in a month or so. I expected A.M. Willard over to the mine today but he did not come. Mr West got him a cow this forenoon & helped me in the mine in the afternoon.

Saturday May 23rd 18

At 8:00 o'clock this morning A.M. Willard & W.W. Oles, his brother-in-law came over to go with me to the mine. Mr Oles told me that he had tried every flux known to him but could not melt it consequently he does not know what the mineral is, but he is thinking of sending some of it to Professor Legett of New York City to have an assay made to satisfy his own curiosity as to what it is and how much there is of it. He thinks there is a powerful vein of the mineral on our claims, 13 in number which is named as follows: viz:

1. Yellow Jacket.	8. Native Silver
2. Blue Bird.	9. Wind Splitter
3. Hawkeye.	- 10. Mount Hecla
4. Pactorus	11. Saint Mary
5. Last Cabin	12. Helena
6. Magpie	13. Lisbon
7. Caribou	Elmer was to Hot Springs this afternoon & got some Dynamite Caps

Sunday May 24th

Mr Van Tassel & son were our only visitors today Father has gone over to Mr West this evening & Elmer has gone to Grinnell. Both has got back

Monday May 25th 1891

Mr West & I done the assessment on the Water right this forenoon & got samples of mineral for assay this afternoon. I am preparing to go to Hill City tomorrow

Tuesday May 26th 1891

I got to Grinnell City this morning at about 9:30 & put the horse in the Livery stable. I had a talk with Palmer & Grantham & also had the Lost Cabin look & the Beaver creek water right recorded. I got to Hill City at 3:00 P.M. I found Mr Bell at the H.P.C. Office. I will stay at the Harvey Peak Hotel tonight

Wednesday May 27th

I started to Grinnell City this morning at 7:00 but did not find out what our mineral was I intended to see Grantham but found his office locked (offices) I saw Jack Smith who used to live at Morristown

Thursday May 28th

I struck carbonate ore in the Lost Cabin drift this afternoon Elmer & Mary went over to West with me this morning & Elmer helped me drill a two foot hole in the drift this forenoon. The shot were out about 2 tons of rock.

Friday May 29th

100 inches Crystal Pointe ----- I trip at 7:00 o'clock this morning I started in the cave & returned at 8:20 o'clock. I went to the new crystal pocket between the second & third division of Crystal Palace & brought out a can full of the specimens from the pocket. Capt. A. M. Willard came over this morning & was here yet when I started to Hot Springs for the mail. I got to the springs at about noon & started back about 3:00 o'clock Father & I went over to Capt. Willard's this evening & found W.W. Oles there. We had to start back soon on account of threatening rain. It is now raining outside.

Saturday May 30th

I slept the most of the forenoon away & got up about 12 o'clock. I started out in the country for a walk at 12:15 P.M. & went on top of the four mountains (the tenth West one of the 4) North of here about 2 miles. I came back past J.C. West's place & cut two of one set of mine timbers for the Lost Cabin drift. Mary was on & out this evening.

Sunday May 31st 1891

2:15 in cove

1:45 in cove

Sampsons Palace Hotel 1 trip

Cotopaxi Route 1 trip

at 11:00 a.m. I started in the cove with 4
Hot Springs parties & returned at 1:15 P.M.
We got went the Sampsons Palace hotel
at 6:15 Elmer & I went to the Chamber of
Trade & got a load of specimens. We
returned at 8:00 P.M. with a good load apiece

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